

**Today in Corps history:**  
Feb. 20, 1962: Lt. Col. John Glenn made three orbits in a space capsule becoming the first American to orbit the earth.

Source: Marine Corps History

**FAST FACT**



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# THE BOOT

**“We Make Marines”**

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**Sailor craves applause ‘on the way to the Forum’**

Seaman Michael Hicks, 1st RTBn. Aid Station corpsman, and his wife, Melyssa, are acting in the Sun City Hilton Head production of “A Funny Thing Happened ...”  
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### Depot News

#### DEPOT COMMISSARY OFFERS CASE LOT SALE

The Parris Island Commissary is hosting its Leap Year Case Lot Sale Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Commissary officials are offering savings of up to 50 percent.

For more information, visit the commissary on the Web at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

#### TRANSITION OFFICE HOSTS CAREER DAY

The Transition Office and Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina are sponsoring the 2nd Annual Career Day at the Lyceum from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 9. In attendance will be several law enforcement agencies, the Secret Service, Beaufort County counsel and human resources, state agencies and several local companies and staffing agencies.

For more information contact Kerry Copeland at 228-2761 or Betsy Archer at 228-3377.

#### YOUNG MARINES SEEKS DEPOT APPLICANTS

Applications are currently being accepted for youth interested in participating in the Young Marines Program aboard the Depot. The Young Marines is an organization sponsored by the Marine Corps League that instills self-discipline, teamwork and leadership skills, as well as promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle in children ages 8-18.

To register, call Elizabeth Heinrich at 524-5956

#### CHAPELS TO HONOR ASH WEDNESDAY

In accordance with Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, the Depot chapels will be holding services throughout the day Wednesday for Depot personnel, their family members and recruits who would like to receive the Imposition of Ashes. A service for Catholic permanent personnel and their families is scheduled for 11:40 a.m. at the Depot Chapel. The Protestant service for permanent personnel and family members will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Depot Chapel. For more information, call the Depot Religious Ministries Center at 228-3533.

### Out in Town

#### SCAD STUDENTS TO PRESENT SHAKESPEARE

The Savannah College of Art and Design's Performing Arts Department presents Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet Feb. 26 - 29 at Trustees Theatre, 216 E. Broughton St. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for seniors and students. For more information, call (912) 525-5050.

#### BEAUFORT ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Beaufort Orchestra will perform its Holiday Concert at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Performing Arts Center Saturday at 8 p.m. For more information or for tickets, call 521-4144.

### Weather



**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 55 Low 35  
**Saturday**  
Sunny  
Hi 64 Low 41  
**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 68 Low 49

## NMCRS fundraiser lets Marines help Marines

### LANCE CPL. BRIAN KESTER

STAFF WRITER

The Tri-Command Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will be holding its annual fund drive March 1 - April 2.

The fundraiser is being held to promote awareness and raise funds for the society, with events like a golf tournament on Mar. 26 at the Legends of Parris Island.

“The Secretary of the Navy tells the active duty community to conduct a fund drive in support of the NMCRS,” said Ron Grindle, director of the NMCRS. “The annual event is two-fold. First of all, we

want to raise base awareness and make sure that service members know we are here and they have some place to go when they have a problem. Second is to raise funds to help support our relief services.”

With goals set, the NMCRS heads into this fundraiser with high expectations.

They anticipate contacting each person in the Tri-Command area, gaining 100 percent awareness.

“We determine the number of service personnel in each unit and we establish a goal of \$3 a month, or \$36 a year,” he said. “Our end goal will be

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- Ron Grindle, director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



\$36 multiplied by the number of active duty on hand.”

Those goals are Tri-Command-wide with the Naval Hospital Beaufort and the Air Station aiming for the same target area.

“We are hoping for \$3 dollars a month direct deposit, but most people will pay cash,” said Senior Chief Petty Officer Karen A. Lloyd senior enlisted advisor for the director of health services. “We are

hoping it will raise awareness towards what [the society] has done in the past. Plus, the money raised in this area stays in this area.”

The society uses all of the funds raised to help the service members in need.

This is a no overhead fund, meaning that when a donation is received all of the money goes to the fund, not to pay employees.

“When a service member gives us a dollar, all of that dollar goes back into relief services,” said Grindle. “Last year we gave more than \$450,000 in financial assistance to the

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### *They didn't teach this at summer camp ...*



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester  
**Recruit Rhea Curtis, 19, Platoon 4008, Papa Co., 4th RTBn., completes the pack-tow section of swim qualification at the Depot Combat Pool Feb. 10. The pack-tow consists of a swim in camouflage utilities with a Kevlar helmet, ALICE pack and rifle. The St. Paul, Minn., native completed the event without much of a struggle.**

## FVAP clears air about service members' voting residency guidelines

### CPL. ALISHA R. FITZGERALD

STAFF WRITER

Throughout each election year, the Federal Voting Assistance Program receives an abundance of questions concerning state of residence for voting purposes from military personnel and their family members.

As the 2004 General Election approaches, Tri-Command Marines, sailors, their family members, and all citizens who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act must be aware of the guidelines before casting their vote.

“It is important that [military members] understand the procedures mostly because this is a big election year for us, especially since the recent war,” said Capt. Melanie Hudson, Depot Adjutant and Voting Assistance Officer. “A lot of people are going to reflect back on the war when making the decision on how to cast their vote. Also, there are a lot of prior military running for office this time.”

Before considering how to vote, Uniformed Service members and their families must first determine their legal voting residence. In order to do this, they have to understand what state they are a legal resident of. To be a legal resident of a particular state, the guidelines for residency must be followed.

Home of Record is not necessarily going to be the same as legal residence. Home of Record is the address that a military member gives his/her

service upon entering. Legal residence can be wherever individuals have their vehicles registered, where their driver's licenses were issued and where they should be registered to vote.

The two residences may, in fact, be the same, and in most cases of military members, they usually are. Those who have changed legal residency since joining the service may not revert back to their Home of Record as their legal residence without physically moving back there with intent to stay for a prolonged period.

“Home of Record will never change, unless there is a break in service,” said Staff Sgt. Veronica Sanchez, admin chief, Depot Consolidated Administrative Center.

Military members may live somewhere other than their Home of Record and still claim that as their legal residence, as long as they have not gone through the process of changing residency in another state. They must also have the intent to return after completing service.

Spouses should be aware that their legal residence might differ from that of the active duty member. In order to change it after marriage, the spouse must fulfill physical presence requirements, maintaining the intent to stay or come back.

For U.S. citizens living and/or working overseas, legal residence is considered the state the individual last resided before leaving the United States. This remains true even for

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## Lt. Gen. Mutter speaks at WMA dinner

### CPL. JENNIFER BROFER

STAFF WRITER

Retired Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter visited the Depot to attend a 4th RTBn. graduation, as well as to celebrate the Phyllis Alexander Chapter's 61st Anniversary Celebration of Women Marines in a banquet at Traditions Feb. 13.

Lieutenant Gen. Mutter, who is the second woman in the armed services, and the first woman Marine ever to attain the rank of three-star general, said women Marines have come a long way since first being allowed to join the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on Feb. 13, 1943, during World War II.

“When I first came in, the

law said there could not be any women generals, not even one stars,” said Lt. Gen. Mutter.

As the years progressed, however, the role of women in the service changed. During World War I, 305 women served in the Marine Corps Reserve. However, all were separated after the war ended by June 30, 1919. Women were not able to serve as permanent, regular members of the armed services until June 12, 1948, when Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

Today, women Marines continue to serve overseas piloting attack helicopters, driving heavy trucks and leading troops, further demonstrating the changing face of America's

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Cpl. Jennifer Brofer  
**Retired Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter, the Women Marines Association's National President, speaks to a group of retired, former and active duty Women Marines during the Phyllis Alexander Chapter's 61st Anniversary Celebration of Women Marines in a banquet at Traditions Feb. 13.**